

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BUILDING CODE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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CODE CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM

2003 ICC FAMILY OF CODES

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CODE: IPMC

SECTION NO. Chap 7

SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. PM-6

PROPOSING SUBCOMMITTEE:

CHAIR:

PHONE:

E-mail:

DATES: OF PROPOSAL: 4/18/05

BCAC PRESENTATION: 4/20/05

BCAC APPROVAL:

CHECK ONE



Revise section to read as follows:



Delete section and substitute the following:



Add new section to read as follows:



Delete section without substitution.

TYPE ALL TEXT IN 12-POINT TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT

~~LINE THROUGH TEXT TO BE DELETED~~ (highlight text, under *Format*, click font and check strikethrough)

UNDERLINE TEXT TO BE ADDED

Use additional sheets of the form, if necessary.

(See following pages)

This amendment is being proposed by the Executive Committee. Please contact Marc Fetterman, 202/625-2525 (fetterman-dc@att.net) with questions, comments, etc.

Anticipated impact of code change on cost of construction (CHECK ONE)



Increase



Decrease



Negligible



Unknown

If "Increase" box was checked, indicate estimated range of added cost:

Per 1,000 SF single-family dwelling

to

Per 1,000SF of commercial building

to

JUSTIFICATION OF CHANGE:

Additions to Property Maintenance Code to enable its use in housing code enforcement in lieu of 14 DCMR.

Policy 4.d. Provision that is inconsistent or conflicting with District statute, regulation or policy.

CHAPTER 7G FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

SECTION PM-702 MEANS OF EGRESS

Add new Sections PM-702.5 through PM-702.7 to read to as follows:

PM-702.5 Arrangements. Exits from dwelling units, rooming units, guestrooms and dormitory units shall not lead through other such units, or through toilet rooms or bathrooms.

PM-702.6 Exit signs. All means of egress shall be indicated with approved “Exit” signs where required by the building code. All “Exit” signs shall be maintained visible and all illuminated “Exit” signs shall be illuminated at all times that the building is occupied.

PM-702.7 Stair identification. The interior and exterior of all stairway doors connecting more than three stories shall be provided with signage as required by Section 1019.1.7 of the District of Columbia Building Code.

SECTION PM-704 FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS

Add new subsection PM-704.5 to read to as follows:

PM-704.5 Fire alarm systems. Fire alarm systems shall be in proper operating condition at all times.

PM-704.5.1 Manual fire alarm boxes. All manual fire alarm boxes shall be operational and unobstructed.

Add new Section PM-705 to read to as follows:

SECTION PM-705 GENERAL PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FIRE

PM-705.1 Hazardous and combustible materials. Combustible, flammable, explosive or other hazardous materials, such as paints, volatile oils and cleaning fluids, or combustible rubbish, such as wastepaper, boxes and rags, shall not be accumulated or stored unless such storage complies with the applicable requirements of the Building Code and the Fire Code listed in Chapter 8.

PM-705.2 Fire extinguishers. All portable fire extinguishers when required by previous or present Building or Fire Codes, shall be visible, provided with ready access thereto, and maintained in an efficient and safe operating condition. Extinguishers shall be of an approved type. Fire extinguishers shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 10 as referenced in the District of Columbia Fire Code.